(viii) राज्य में 63,375 अनौपचारिक शिक्षा केन्द्रों को भी संस्वीकृति-प्रदान कर दी गई है । ये केन्द्र, सरकारी तथा स्वैच्छिक दोनों प्रकार की एजेंसियों द्वारा चलाए जा रहे हैं ।

Review of dual pricing policy on fertilizers

@1471. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY:
SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have undertaken or propose to undertake a review of its dual pricing policy on Fertilizers; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI BALRAM JAKHAR): (a) and (b) Scheme on Fertilizer Subsidy for Small and Marginal Farmers has been taken up in 1991-92, and there is no specific proposal at present, under consideration, to review the dual pricing policy for the current year.

Small and Marginal Farmers

@@1472. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of small and marginal farmers identified so far in the country for distribution of fertilizers at subsidised rates; and

(b) what is the quantity and value of fertilizer distributed to them upto 31st October, 1991?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) As per the Agriculture Census 1985-86, the number of small and marginal farmers in the country are 179.22 lakh and 561.47 lakh respectively.

The amount of Central assistance allocated to different States/UTs was based on the area operated by small and marginal farmers, as well as the average per ha. consumption of the State/UT.

(b) The quantity and value of fertilizer distributed to small and marginal farmers upto 31st October, 1991 is not yet available.

Brackish water fisheries

1473. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering a proposal for promoting brackish water fisheries;

(b) if so, the steps Government have taken in that direction in Orissa during the last three years;

(c) whether Government have sought external assistance for implementing brackish water fishery projects in that State; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Some of the steps taken by the Government for promotion of Brackish water Aquaculture in Orissa during the last three years include:

(i) establishment of a prawn farm at Mouza Jamboo in Cuttack district;

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(ii) establishment of Brackish water Fish Farmers Development Agencies in the districts of Balasore, Ganjam and Puri to provide a package of technical, financial and extension support to the prawn farmers;

(iii) setting up of a prawn seed hatchery at Chandrabagha in Puri district;

(iv) macro and micro-level survey of potential brakishwater areas for identifying suitable areas for prawn farming under the proposed World Bank assisted shrimp culture project;

(v) strengthening of the technical wing in the Directorate of Fisheries for upgradatioon of technical man-power;

(vi) development of man-power resources through training of fisheries officials abroad in prawn farming; etc.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) A Brackishwater Shrimp and Fish Culture Project was negotiated for assistance with the World Bank during 25-27, November, 1991. The project agreement will be signed after the Bank's final approval is received. The Shrimp Culture Component of the Project envisages development of about 870 ha. brackishwater land in Orissa. Out of the total estimated investment of Rs. 260.4 crore for the Shrimp culture sub-project in Orissa, Andhra Pradesh and West Bengal, the outlay for Orissa will be about Rs. 55.67 crore. The project in Orissa will cover 3 sites in the two coastal districts of Balasore and Cuttack for shrimp farming.

The project with a duration of 7 years is scheduled to be implemented from 1992-93 onwards.

Development of pisciculture in Arunachal Pradesh

1474. SHRI NYODEK YONGGAM: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that "Apatani Plateau" of Arunachal Pradesh has been selected for the development of pisciculture;

(b) whether Government have taken up any scheme for development of pisciculture in the State; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) Pisciculture in about 500 hectares of paddy fields is proposed to be developed in 'Apatani Plateau' in Arunachal Pradesh during the current year by the State Government at a cost of Rupees 0.20 lakh.

(b) and (c) A Fish Farmers Development Agency (FFDA) has been set up in the State for the development of pisciculture. The agency selects suitable water area; arranges lease on long term basis to identified beneficiaries; provides incentives for renovation of tanks and ponds and input for first year for fish culture, besides, training of fish farmers and giving them extension support. So far, the agency has brought 22 hectares water area under pisciculture and trained 170 fish farmers in improved methods of fish farming. The average productivity is reported to be 1200 kg/ha/annum from Ponds and tanks in the State under FFDA Programme.

Production under operation flood

1475. SHRI B. K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that bloated columns of increase in production